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Identical letters dated 2 February 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and further to our previous letters regarding the grave and repeated violations and attacks committed by Turkey against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic, I should like to apprise you of the new, brazen attacks that were perpetrated by the Turkish regime against the Syrian people and the sovereignty and territorial unity and integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic. Those acts constitute a threat to international peace and security and are in line with the Turkish regime's open support for terrorism.

Over the past few days, the Turkish Army infiltrated Syrian territory and occupied a number of Syrian villages, including Ghuz and Abu al-Zandayn, which are located west of Bab city, with the aim of advancing towards Bab city, which lies north of Aleppo city.

These attacks are a continuation of the Turkish regime's aggression that began more than five years ago. That regime has provided various forms of military, material and logistical support to armed terrorist groups; facilitated the entry of foreign terrorist fighters into Syria; established training camps in its territory under direct Turkish military and intelligence supervision; provided covering fire in support of terrorist groups inside Syria; and armed those groups with the most modern weaponry. The Turkish regime has even provided them with medical care inside Turkey. It is also no secret that the regime has built defensive walls inside Syrian territory to the detriment of the landowners, something that is contrary to good-neighbourly relations.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic strongly condemns the repeated crimes and acts of aggression perpetrated by Turkey against the Syrian people and the territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic. Such actions are a bare-faced violation of Syrian sovereignty. They also flagrantly contravene the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the rules of international law and all Security Council resolutions on Syria and counter-terrorism.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once again calls on the Security Council to fulfil its responsibility to maintain international peace and security, and

to put an end to the above-mentioned crimes that the Turkish regime is committing against the Syrian people and to the regime's repeated aggressions against Syrian territory. The Council must also compel the Turkish regime to implement the Council's resolutions on counter-terrorism and respect the sovereignty, territorial unity and people of the Syrian Arab Republic.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mounzer **Mounzer**
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